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SPARC
Years



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**St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 2217 St. Petersburg, FL 333731
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SPARC Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Dave and Veronika Trewin and called to order by President Richard N4BUA at 2:15pm.

Present at the meeting were:

Officers: Richard N4BUA; Bob N1XX ; Dave KR4U; Dee N4GD; Veronika KC4YAW

Board Member: Susan KD4FEZ

Past President: Leslie WA4EEZ

Absent: Ron KP2N (ill); Pete KB9LXM(work) ; Freddie KF4FCW(work) Bill WZ4GW(away)

The after holiday party was discussed.. Dee's XYL agreed to provide items from Hallmark for "goodie bags" and was allowed a budget not to exceed \$75.

Rich discussed the need for an accurate list of net controllers. Pete WB2SUN had provided Rich with a list. Discussion centered around whether a SPARC non-member should be permitted to act as a net controller. It was agreed that repeater trustee Ron KP2N should be made aware of this list of net controllers since they are his representatives and the ultimate decision on operators would rest with him.

Lake Maggiore was discussed and Leslie agreed to obtain the necessary permit for the May 3rd affair.

Rich announced the next Board Meetings. The first will be on 4/18 to finalize Lake Maggiore details. The next will be on 6/13. The Trewin's graciously agreed to host the meetings.

Discussion next took place regarding the Red Cross building situation. We have to be ready to remove our station equipment when the time comes. Options for temporary storage of the equipment were reviewed. The group felt that the electronic items could be spread amongst various members homes in climate conditioned space and non critical items(aluminum antennas, etc) could be stored outdoors.

A vote was taken to re-appoint trustees Dave KR4U and Ron KP2N and approval obtained accordingly.

As a result of recent silent key situations, Dave identified the need for a policy to handle the sale of ham equipment to help the surviving family members. The Board settled on the following:

Silent Key SPARC members--- the club will inventory and tag equipment with suggested pricing and bring it to points of sale such as Hamfest, etc. SPARC will take a 10% commission. Non SPARC member Silent Key---The same will apply except SPARC will take 20% commission. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will SPARC act as storage facility for unsold equipment. It will be returned to the family after each sale activity.

Additional future SPARC membership cards were discussed. We will investigate printing options and have website and repeater frequency information included on the cards.

It was agreed that we will register SPARC on E-QSL and LOTW.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm . Respectfully submitted, Bob N1XX, Secretary

CQ to Accept eQSL Confirmations for Award Credit

(Hicksville, NY and Bedford, TX, January 13, 2009) - CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, and eQSL Founder and Webmaster Dave Morris, N5UP, announced today.

There will be certain limitations and procedural differences for different awards, at least to start. Only confirmations from "Authenticity Guaranteed" members of eQSL will be accepted, and in accordance with existing eQSL policy, a membership level of bronze or higher is required in order to participate in award programs via eQSL.

"This is the first time that CQ has formally accepted anything other than traditional paper QSL cards for its awards," said Moseson. "We have been working with Dave Morris and his team for several months to assure that the integrity of our awards programs will be protected and to create mechanisms to make it easy for both award applicants and award managers to use eQSL credits toward our awards. All of our award managers have been involved in this process and support this action."

"We want to express our great appreciation to Dave and his team for their willingness to do whatever was necessary to make this agreement possible," Moseson added. "It has been a pleasure working with them and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

"We are pleased to be adding CQ to the top of our list of amateur organizations that accept electronic QSLs," said Morris. "CQ has some of the most highly sought-after awards, and we have been working behind the scenes for years to create credit submission mechanisms that would ensure the integrity of their programs without introducing any additional labor for the award managers.

We believe the electronic QSL can drastically reduce costs, and the award application mechanisms we have developed will provide for more efficient processing at reduced cost for both the applicant and the award manager."

Applicants for the CQ DX and CQ DX Field Awards must print out their eQSLs and submit them along with their traditional QSLs to a CQ checkpoint or to CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF. eQSL has an automated process in place for applicants for CQ's Worked All Zones, WPX and USA-Counties awards. N5UP explains how that will work for the applicant:

"The applicant goes to the My Awards screen. He clicks on the particular award he wants to apply for. This brings up a list of the credits our system 'thinks' he is entitled to. There are checkboxes that allow him to check which ones he wants to use, and we automatically pre-fill one credit per category so he doesn't have to do anything if he wants to take the defaults. At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: 'Submit to CQ' and 'Print Paper Application'."

The "submit" button will place all the selected QSO's into a file for the award manager to access, while the "print" button will generate a printed list to be submitted along with the traditional application. PLEASE NOTE that ALL applicants must send the award fee payment to the CQ Award Manager, regardless of how the application is submitted. Some CQ award managers are now accepting PayPal; see individual award web pages for details. All awards will continue to accept traditional QSLs as well as eQSLs. For the USA-Counties Award (USA-CA), applicants must note on their record books (or printouts) whether each county has been confirmed traditionally (with an "X" to the right of the entry) or electronically (with an "E" next to the entry).

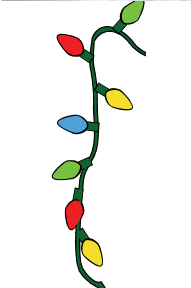
For more information on eQSL, visit <http://www.eQSL.cc>

For more information on CQ awards, visit the awards page on the CQ website at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>.

Please note that the award rules posted on

the website have not yet been updated to reflect the acceptance of eQSLs. This will be done as soon as possible, but the policy takes effect immediately.

Pictures at After Christmas Dinner taken by Dee N4GD



Contest/Operating Event Corner

Upcoming Contests

10-10 INTERNATIONAL WINTER CONTEST SSB	FEB. 7-8
CQWWWPX RTTY CONTEST	FEB. 14-15
ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST CW	FEB. 21-22
NA QSO PARTY RTTY	FEB. 28-MARCH 1
ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST SSB	MARCH 7-8
CQWW WPX SSB CONTEST	MARCH 28-29

SPARC Contest Log as of 1/04/09 by Bob N2ESP

January, 2009: ARRL RTTY Roundup	
Call sign:	W4GAC
Class:	Multiple Operator, High Power, All Bands
Claimed Score:	1,238 QSO's for 132,466 points and a 107 Multipliers
Operators:	KP2N, N2ESP, VE3XD, KR4U, N4RI, W4CU, WA4EEZ
Comments:	Total operating time 24 Hrs out of 30. Operating/Logging Software -Networked Writelog Rigs: Yaesu FT920; Amp AMERITRON 811H running ~600W Yaesu FT1000 Field; Collins 30-L1 Amp running ~600W multiplier station Antennas: Tennadyne Log Periodic at 50 Feet; 40M Sloper; 40/80M Vertical; 15M half square.



ARRL RTTY Roundup
January 2009
Photo's taken by N2ESP



Antenna replacement at the Club Station Photo's taken by Tom W4CU



Ham Shack of Dee Turner N4GD



My little station consists of a IC-756pro, an Alinco DR-605 Dual band VHF/UHF mobile, an Alinco DR-235 220 MHz mobile.

The antennas are supported by a Tri-ex WT-51 crank-up tower. I'm using an inverted V for HF until I complete rebuilding a KLM KT-34A.

I have a 3 el 6 meter beam also on the mast. On the top is the Comet tri-band antenna. Other antenna's include a 6m vertical, a 10m vertical and a set of M2 2m/440 satellite antennas on a 20ft tower with an az/el rotor.



Upcoming Events

Chester Tailgate 7AM till ...when everyone leaves

2009

January 10 CARS

March 14 METRO

May 9 (Open)

July 11 SPARC

September 12 Wormhole

November 7 CARS

Chester Electronic Supply

311 Missouri Ave. N. Largo, FL 33770 Ph 727-585-4736

SPARC Meetings

First Friday every month, 7:30 pm

and

**Testing: Third Tuesday every month 6:30 pm*

at the Red Cross Bldg,

818 Fourth Street North

St. Petersburg

Some Members meet for Breakfast

Every Saturday, 7:00 am

At the

Biff Burger 49th St. & 38th Ave. N. St. Pete

**contact Connie K4TBZ at 727-528-0071*

SPARC Purpose:

1. To further and promote the social benefits and technical advancement of the radio arts.

2. To acquire, organize, establish and maintain facilities for social and emergency communication, both mobile and stationary.

3. To assist and cooperate with authorized agencies in any emergency of local, state or national scope.

4. To further fellowship among radio amateurs, potential radio amateurs and other parties interested in amateur radio.

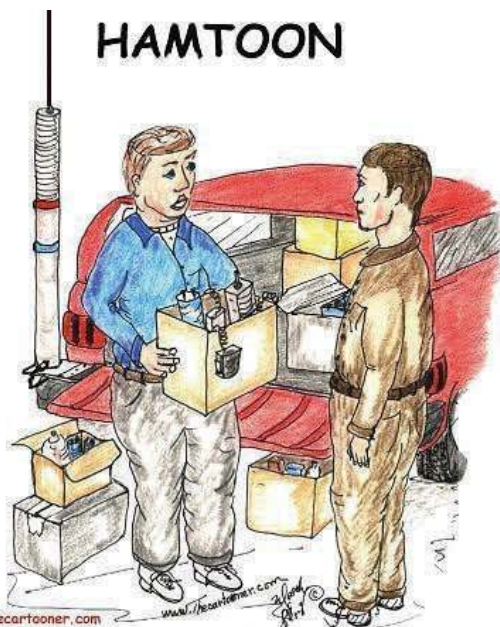
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Welcome New SPARC Members

Mike Fletcher NI4M

Hamfest December 2008 Photo's taken by Richard N4BUA



THIS WAS THE BEST HAM FEST, LOOK AT THESE GREAT BUYS. COULD YOU STORE THEM FOR ME TILL MY WIFE IS OUT OF TOWN ?





Photo by Dee N4GD Shown left to right:

Ron Hall KP2N — Richard Stephens N4BUA — David Trewin KR4U — Pete Peterson KB9LXM — Frederick Luneburg KF4FCW — Leslie Johnson WA4EEZ — Bob Entwistle N1XX — Bill Zulas WZ4GW

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